## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA WESTERN DIVISION NO. 5:17-CR-212-1H

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
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v.	)	
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	)	ORDER
LAILA MERCHANT,	)	
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Defendant.	)	
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This matter is before the court on defendant's letter [DE #52] which this court construes as a motion to alter her restitution payments. The government has responded, and this matter is ripe for adjudication.

During incarceration, repayment of fines is governed by the BOP's Inmate Financial Responsibility Program (IFRP), a voluntary program designed to assist inmates in meeting their financial responsibilities.

While participation in the IFRP is voluntary, refusing to participate in the program results in the denial of certain expressly defined privileges. For example, inmates who refuse to participate in the program are not ordinarily eligible for

furloughs, are limited to maintenance pay, are restricted from placement in UNICOR (the BOP's industries program), are limited in their monthly commissary spending limits, are quartered in the lowest housing unit status, etc. Id.

This court has no authority to intervene in the BOP's Inmate Financial Responsibility Program. Additionally, defendant has provided no legal basis for altering her judgment. Therefore, defendant's motion [DE #52] is DENIED.

This 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December.

Malcolm J. Howard

Senior United States District Judge

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